

### Saint Ecumanic Comments

By Herb Breithaupt



How do you like children? Either fried or parboiled. W.C. Fields, credited with that response, also came up with this bon mot: "I can't stand children, they're too short!" "But," you say, "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Okay, Lord, but if we can't be honest enough to admit they make us very mad at times, we can never love them honestly.

Anyway, now that the kids are back at school, and since there are so many of them — it's a race between mothers and asphalt to cover the earth — this space this week is dedicated to children. What follows is partly fiction, partly fact. Certainly none of it is impossible.

The children in one family were asked by their father as they sat down to Christmas dinner, "On this day, what is it we should be really thankful for?" The youngest quickly answered, "I'm thankful I'm not a turkey!"

One Sunday morning last spring, Peter Gordon White led our congregation in a family celebration. Mixed

with the stories, prayers and thoughtful questions from Peter and the children were dozens of balloons and buckets of jelly beans, and, incidentally, the singing of Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam. Six months later in the Church School when the song, Jesus Bids Us Shine was announced, one of the children insistently piped up, "Please, Teacher, I'd rather sing, Jesus Wants Me for a Jelly Bean."

Two quickies: The harassed mother of five children was asked by a friend, "Well, what do you want your next one to be?" "A grandchild!" was the unhesitating reply.

A mother and father were heartened by the report card comment, "Billy is trying," until the second term when it read, "Billy is very trying." Occasionally parents are trying, trying.

Here's what the Christmas spirit did for one young mother. She heard that some neighbours were blaming her six year old for breaking a window with a snowball.

"He couldn't have done it. We were all away when it happened." A friend suggested, "If he didn't break that window, you know it and God knows it, and it doesn't matter what the neighbours think." "You know," she said, "you're right. I'm going to take a spiritual attitude and say to hell with it!"

If the children haven't yet written those Christmas thank-you notes to cousins, uncles and aunts, here are some helpful hints from other children. "Thanks for the nice gift. I've always wanted a pin cushion, although not very much." "I love the book you sent me at Christmas. I've been reading it day and night and now I'm on page ten." "I want to thank you for all the gifts you have sent me in the past, and all you intend to send me in the future. Love."

While waiting to make my "speech" at a weekly meeting of church juniors I had to listen to the secretary's reading of the minutes from the previous week: "... There will be no entertainment next week. Mr. Breithaupt is coming to speak." Now who can gainsay that kind of honesty?

And so to all you would-be W.C. Fields who are secretly lovers of children I offer this toast for 1973: To the Children, — of such really is the Kingdom of Heaven!

### Amen

Karl Schuessler



I pulled through another Christmas. And after each year's attack, I come out all scratched up. But I'm healing.

So before I forget and before the New Year slips into place, I want to make a few resolves. And maybe miss a few of those seasonal lumps next year.

I resolve to turn deaf when I hear Silent Night. Now maybe Franz Gruber had a great idea when he wrote the song more than 200 years ago. The organ broke down that night on Christmas Eve and he broke out in Silent Night.

But the range of that song strains most everyone's voice. I've heard so many wobbly "Sleep in heavenly peace" that it's enough to shatter anyone's sleep — into pieces.

I resolve never to buy Christmas wrapping paper again. It runs out so fast. My wastepaper basket is forever filled with all those empty roll tubes. And now that Christmas is over I can't hold down the trash can lid on all the oozing and crumpled wrapping paper.

Newspaper — and if you're stuck on colour — the weekend comic section — serves the same purpose. So you see that newspaper is a bargain. In reading. In rapping and wrapping.

I resolve to always look inside the boxes of children's toys that I am buying. I saw more good looking boxes. Eyecatching. Tempting. But once they're opened up there's more packaging and paper inside. And lost between all the cardboard are the few scrawny pieces of strings for macramé or a few crayons and a thin looking colouring book. A lot of

packages promise more than they deliver.

I resolve to extend specific invitations. No more of this "Come on over any time." Because anytime is usually not time. I'll invite you over at 7:30 on next Wednesday evening.

And I'll ask you over well in advance. None of this last minute impulse stuff.

I'll wear asbestos suiting at the next candle-light service I attend. One minister told me that these almost midnight services catch people in high spirits. And with all that alcohol in the air, and the candles burning — brightly, brightly in the night — on the altar, down the aisles and sometimes in the hand of each worshipper, he's afraid the whole place will explode. Go up in smoke.

I resolve to ask my neighbor farmer what he means when he offers me a free Christmas tree — for the chopping. I dreamed of tramping through the snow and holding my little girl's hand. And together choosing the just right one. And

chopping it down and dragging it back home.

But my farmer friend kept saying I'd have to do some climbing. Climbing? His land seemed flat enough. Climbing? Where?

Up the tree! He owned great big spruce trees. Sixty feet high. I could climb up to the top and chop off what I wanted.

I resolve to look into vitamin E. Over the holidays I heard all sorts of claims for it. Not the usual. General health. Better circulation. Stronger heart. But one ad claimed it's a deodorant. And one of my neighbors swears it prevents holiday hangovers.

I resolve to give gifts. Not trade them. Some one told me that he felt indebted to me. Because I gave him something out of the garden this fall. He wanted to pay me back. And another fellow wanted to give me something in return when I carried over a pie my wife baked.

I protest. My gift is no longer a gift. It's a trade. An exchange. A wage. My gift is robbed. Snatched away and turned into a debt.

Besides I don't want to get hooked on that vicious circle of this for that. I want to freely give. Freely receive. Gifts are expressions of love and joy. Any gift — every gift — and that includes all of God's gifts — are bounties. Blessed and boundless. Not bribing and bought.

## Crafts classes will fill the gap

Indication of a growing interest in crafts: Last July, Lynn Sandbrook opened the Sean-Erin Gallery in Port Credit as a showcase for batiks by her mother, Marguerite Watson, after her parents decided to move down to Florida.

Since then her parents have opened their own gallery near their home in Naples, Fla. but Lynn hasn't been left with an empty shop. She now exhibits the work of about 100 local craftsmen, mainly from the Mississauga and Port Credit area.

Another indication: In response to what they believe is a definite need in their area, Lynn and her new partner Lyle Kahnt have arranged classes in weaving, macramé, batik, decoupage and, if there is enough response, furniture refinishing, to start Jan. 15.

Lyle, who has established a reputation for his batiks, will conduct the classes in batik, decoupage and macramé. There will be classes in macramé Tuesday mornings, afternoons and evenings. Batik classes will be three times a day on Wednesdays and decoupage, three times on Thursdays.

All classes will be held at the gallery for two hours at \$20 for six lessons. Students sign up for either morning, afternoon or evening sessions.

Charlene Larmour will conduct the weaving classes Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"People don't have enough to do in their free time," Lyle explains. "I think creative hobbies, hobbies where you



Lyle Kahnt with one of his creations.

can see what you've accomplished are badly needed."

There is obviously a need because some of the gallery classes are already filled. "I've been teaching for three years now and I find

more interest and more response each year," Lyle says. "Students are usually housewives with free time on their hands but there is no reason why men can't take the classes as well."

"Especially with

decoupage," Lynn adds. "Men often get very interested when they try doing decoupage."

If the work of their students is good enough Lynn and Lyle plan to exhibit it in the gallery.

## dear susanne..

Dear Susanne:  
My husband has recently retired and all our friends think we are the luckiest couple alive. We do everything together and it's driving me crazy. When I go into the kitchen to prepare a meal he goes too. After 35 years of cooking I now have a supervisor telling me what to do. He is forever giving me suggestions how to improve my cooking, he shops for food with me, puts things away so I can't find them, then tells me what to cook and how to cook it. I know this is his home too, but I never interfered with his work and I never told him what to do in his business. I've suggested that he take up a hobby but he says he is perfectly happy staying around the house and helping me. Susanne, I don't need any help. How can I get him to give me back my kitchen without hurting his feelings.

Ex-Cook

Dear Ex:  
If your husband wants to take over the kitchen, consider yourself lucky, map out a schedule so you will know what days he is the chef and you stay away. Let him cook what he wants, how he wants. On your days when you are home on the range, he is to stay out of the kitchen. Look at it this way, you are getting time off for good behaviour. Your husband might develop into a gourmet cook, while you will now have time for other things. You might enter into a competition with him to see who can come up with the most original menu. My guess is that your pride is hurt because he has entered your kitchen. Be thankful he is well enough to be able to.

Dear Susanne:  
My wife and I have been feuding over the way she runs our home. She belongs to a bridge club and they meet three times a week. On those days I either get left-overs or a TV dinner for my meal. The other days she is either out shopping or meeting her friends, and if she has a big lunch she says she doesn't feel like fixing dinner. When I complained to her she says now that our children have grown up and are out of the house she is entitled to some freedom. I still work hard and feel that I am entitled to a good dinner when I get home. She has always been a good wife and a good mother, but I don't want to suffer because she wants to play bridge.

Hungry Husband

Dear Hungry:  
Your wife is sowing her oats and is like a bird let out of its cage. Why not compromise. Suggest that you will take her out to dinner two nights a week, but in return you expect a good dinner the other nights. Perhaps you can work out some dinner menus with her, with your favourite foods one night and hers another. If you have always taken her meals for granted, show more interest in her cooking. A compliment now and then will show her that hearts is her best suit.

If you have a problem or want to share an experience, write to Susanne Sommers at the Mississauga Times, 2300 South Sheridan Way, Mississauga.

### Calendar

**JANUARY 3**  
An exhibition of paintings by 16 students taught by Joan Woolsey continues at the Burnhamthorpe Library.

**JANUARY 3**  
Lakeview Library's Great Books Club discusses Rousseau this evening at 8:30 p.m.

**JANUARY 4**  
The Burnhamthorpe Library's chess club meets today at 7 p.m.

**JANUARY 4**  
Lorne Park Seniors will hold their next meeting this evening at 7:45 at St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill United Church. Program for the meeting will be the election of officers.

**JANUARY 4**  
The Malton Recreation Association's badminton club starts today at Westwood Secondary School. Juniors play Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors play Tuesdays

and Thursdays from 8 to 11 p.m. There is a \$10 fee payable to the association. For further information call Matt Graczyk at 457-2558.

**JANUARY 4**  
Advanced swimming lessons for adults begin today at the Huron Park Swimming Pool. Classes for Bronze Medallion

will be held Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Classes for the Award of Merit will be held Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and stroke improvement classes are

Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. A prerequisite for the classes is the Junior Red Cross test. For more information or to register call 279-8200 and ask for Miss Stuart or Mrs. Mannell.

**JANUARY 5**  
The Arrowhead Squares group will hold their next regular club dance this evening at Meadowvale Hall.

**JANUARY 5**  
The Canadian Red Cross Society is holding a blood donor clinic today at the American Can of Canada Ltd., 3300 American Dr., Malton, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. The

clinic is open to the public.

**JANUARY 5**  
A free family film night will take place this evening at the Burnhamthorpe Library, 7:30 p.m. The Clarkson-Lorne Park chess club meets at 7 p.m.

**JANUARY 6**  
Lakeview Library's junior stamp club meets at 11 a.m.

**JANUARY 6**  
The Port Credit Library will feature a puppet show during its story hour this morning at 10:30 a.m. Children four to 12 years old are welcome.

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A silver good luck horseshoe charm was presented after the ceremony to the bride, Martha Iris Bodak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bodak, Toronto, when she married Timothy Mark Goodman, son of Jean Goodman and the late Wallace Goodman. The charm, an old English wedding custom, was sent to the bride from the groom's relatives in England.

Father Stasi officiated at the double-ring ceremony at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toronto.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a pale yellow silk floor-length gown and a long-sleeved white lace coat with an attached white hood. She carried a bouquet of yellow and white roses and pink daisies.

The groom's brother, Martin, Mississauga, was best man at the ceremony, while Gregory Culpka, nephew of the bride, was ring-bearer.

The couple spent their week-long honeymoon at Niagara-on-the-Lake and are now living in St. Catharines where both are students at Brock University.

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## MISSISSAUGA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### ANGLICAN

#### CLARKSON

Church of St. Bride, Clarkson Road — 822-0422  
Services: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
(7:30 p.m. First Sunday Every Month)  
Sunday School & Nursery 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

#### COOKSVILLE

Church of St. Hilary, 2056 Hurontario St. — 279-2304  
Sunday Services — 9:20 and 11:00 a.m.

Church of St. Luke, 1513 Dixie Rd. (just south of Q.E.)  
278-4005  
Morning Worship — 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Church School — 10:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church, 719 Dundas St. E.  
Dixie — 277-0462  
Sunday Services 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

#### LORNE PARK

St. Pauls Anglican Church  
1190 Lorne Park Rd. 278-4765  
Sunday Service 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Church School 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Church, 26 Stavebank Rd. — 278-1992  
Sunday Services 8:00 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### BAPTIST

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

26 Ann Street — Port Credit  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
7 p.m. Evangelistic  
Rev. Ross Kingsley Ph. 278-0168  
A FRIENDLY WELCOME

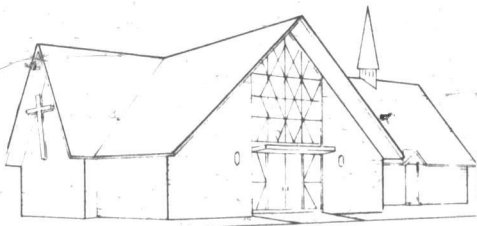
### GOSPEL

#### MISSISSAUGA GOSPEL TEMPLE

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada  
Pastor: Fred Fulford, B. Sc. — Phone 278-4007  
Sheridan Park Public School  
Perran Drive at Thornlodge  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### BIBLE CHURCH

#### ERINDALE BIBLE CHAPEL



A Warm Welcome Awaits You  
Dundas Crescent  
ERINDALE

THE BIBLE AS IT IS — FOR MEN AS THEY ARE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1973

9:30 a.m. — communion service  
11:00 a.m. — Sunday school & Adult Bible Classes  
7 p.m. Speaker Carl Robertson  
Tues. Jan. 9 — Film  
'Like a Mighty Army'  
Mon. 6:45 p.m. Pioneer Girls & Christian Service Brigade

### LUTHERAN

#### CHRIST OUR KING

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2150 Dundas St. W., Erindale, Ont.  
William A. Gatz, Pastor  
Sunday School & 9:45 a.m.  
Church — 11:00 a.m.

phone: Church 822-8931  
Parsonage 822-9949

### LUTHERAN

#### Church of St. Mark LUTHERAN

130 Mineola Rd. E. Mississauga  
SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 A.M.  
WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL  
Sunday Dec. 31, New Year's Eve  
Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Neville Mirtschin, Pastor  
278-2122

### PRESBYTERIAN

Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church

Clarkson Road North, Clarkson  
REV. ELBERT F. DUTCHER, B.A., MINISTER  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
Church School  
9:45 a.m. Grade 4 to High School  
11:00 a.m. Babies to Grade 3

### UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

#### COOKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Mimosa Row and Floradale — 277-2338  
Rev. H. Wyman, B.A.  
11 a.m. morning worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Church School  
Nursery and Baby Care

#### LORNE PARK

St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill, 998 Indian Rd. — 278-9245  
Rev. Paul O. Morrow, B.A., B.D.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Church School for Infants to 8 yrs. 11:00 a.m.  
9 years and over 9:30 a.m.

### The United Church of Canada

#### MISSISSAUGA

Applewood, 2067 Stanfield — 277-4162  
Rev. James Perry, B.A., B.D.  
11:00 a.m. Church Service  
11 a.m. — Sunday School —  
Upper Church School  
Meet Every Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Nursery to Grade 4

#### CLARKSON

Christ Church, 1700 Mazo Crescent — 822-0271  
Rev. T.A. Morgan  
MORNING WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:30 a.m.  
Nursery provided

#### LYNDWOOD UNITED

Lyndwood at Lynd, Leda and Garnet Aves. 278-7376  
Rev. Gordon Apps, B.Th.  
11:00 a.m. Church Service  
Nursery provided

#### PORT CREDIT

First United, 151 Lakeshore Road West — 278-3714  
Ministers Rev. F.H. Joblin, B.A., B.D., D.D.  
Rev. R. Catherine McKeen, B.A., B.D.  
Morning Worship — 10:30 a.m.  
Church School up to 11 years of age — 10:30 a.m.  
12 years and over — 11:45 a.m.

#### St. Luke's-on-the-Hill

3101 Constitution Blvd., Applewood Heights — 277-9001  
Public Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Junior Congregation (9 yrs. & up) 9:30 a.m.  
Nursery to 8 yrs. 11:00 a.m.  
Resource Ministers:  
Rev. Charles Lewis — Rev. Keith Woollard

#### St. Peter's Erindale, Dundas St. W. at Mississauga

Road — 277-3251  
Sun. Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Prayer  
No church school this week

### Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holyday, Port Credit, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently with an afternoon reception at Century United Church in New Toronto.

Holyday, originally from London, Eng. met his wife, May, in 1910 in Toronto and they were married Christmas Day, 1912. After spending several years in England, they returned to Canada in 1919 and settled in Long Branch.

Holyday was caretaker for 21 years for the New Toronto Post Office until he retired in 1957. After his retirement he and his wife moved to Port Credit where they now live.

Mr. and Mrs. Holyday have three daughters: Mrs. Gordon Waters, Mrs. J. McKay, and Mrs. H. Perry. Their one son was killed during the second World War.

The Holydays are active members of Century United Church where Holyday still sings in the choir. Mrs. Holyday is a member of the Lakeshore chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.